

HEATH TO BE SCREENED BY POLITICAL INFLUENCE

Payne's Retention in Office a Reproach to Roosevelt. Arguments More Potent Than the Public Good

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Washington, June 18.—Special.—Postmaster General Payne made the amazing statement today that no further action will be taken with reference to the alleged wrong-doing of former First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath.

The excuse offered by Mr. Payne for dropping the Heath case is that he has done nothing to which he is amenable to the law and that at most he was only guilty of indiscretion.

Mr. Heath may be innocent of every charge that has been preferred against him, but the belief will prevail in many quarters that his high position in the Republican organization has saved him from the necessity of answering some embarrassing questions.

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persistently he endeavored to belittle the investigation with the object of stopping it. They know too that he sought to compass the downfall of his first assistant, Robert J. Wynne, the man who is responsible today for the disclosures of graft, rottenness and scandal in the post office department.

The president knows all of these things full well, and he is a much worried man. Will he force Payne's resignation, is the question heard. The negative is the answer. Mr. Roosevelt wants to be president, and he will make any sacrifice to gain that honor.

While these things are known of all men official Washington was startled this morning when it read Mr. Bristow's report and learned the extent to which official abuses had been carried by high officials in the post office department who are equally as high in the ranks of the Republican organization.

The very remarkable aspect of the affair is that Bristow's report has been in Payne's hands nearly six weeks and its contents must have been known to him before that. Mr. Payne must have known that Tulloch's charges were true, for he had the specific allegations and evidence in his hands when he published ex-Postmaster General Smith's vague defense and Perry Heath's flippant and abusive answer to Tulloch.

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his way, there are few who will say that he is the man to conduct the investigation that promises to uncover rascals by the score and probe from "top to bottom."

Negro Visitors at the White House

Dr. Booker T. Washington arrived in the city this afternoon and at once called on his friend at the White House where he received his usual warm welcome. Booker spent some time with the president, to whom he disclosed the fact that he had been invited by officials of the English government to visit South Africa and make a study of conditions in English territory there, especially as they related to the African race.

The president would not listen to Booker's invitation to go to South Africa and advised him to stay where he is. The invitation came through Lord Grey of the British House of Lords and head of the great South African Company.

John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds of the district, called at the White House this morning to refer to the fact that the Grand United Order of True Reformers, the strongest financial organization of the colored race in the world, is to dedicate a new building here, costing \$75,000, July 12.

A new light house is being erected on Bluff Shoal, in Pamlico Sound, N. C., and vessels loaded with new material for the new structure are sailing every few days from Baltimore.

requesting all yarn men who look with favor on the merging of the yarn factories of the south to meet in Charlotte today and to discuss the proposition they would make. In accordance with this call about twenty yarn manufacturers met in the court house.

At the close of Mr. Seving's remarks the mill men present engaged in a two-hour discussion of the proposition. At 1 o'clock the session adjourned to meet again at the Manufacturers' Club at 3 o'clock.

Among the mill men present were Capt. F. Dilling of King's Mountain, A. G. Falls of King's Mountain, E. R. Cash of Gaffney, Joseph Norwood of Greenville, W. A. Mauney of King's Mountain, J. R. Barron of Rock Hill, C. E. Hutchison of Mt. Holly, A. P. Rhyne of Mt. Holly, J. C. Smith of Newton, W. P. Nisbet of Fork Shoals, W. J. Graham of Greenville, J. A. Abner of Lincoln.

EMINENT DOMAIN

Final Measure to Settle the Friar Land Question in the Philippines

Washington, June 18.—Advices received at the war department from Manila indicate that the Philippine commission may determine to exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire the lands of the religious orders in the Philippine Islands unless Archbishop Guidi, the Vatican's representative, comes to some agreement with the Philippine government within a short time.

The present status of the case, as explained by an official today, is that while the Vatican is perfectly willing to adjudicate the questions relating to church property it has absolutely no authority to compel the friars to give up their possessions.

Positive information has been received here to the effect that Guidi has failed to secure any concessions from the friars, but on the contrary the friars have begun to use their influence in Rome against Archbishop Guidi.

BUCK REGISTER CAUGHT

His Captor Will Receive a Reward of \$200

Wilmington, June 18.—Special.—Buck Register, who is charged with being implicated in the murder of Jesse Soles, in Columbus county last March, was captured yesterday afternoon about a mile from Whiteville, by Eugene Cooke.

Soles was shot down in his home at night. It is alleged that Register hired two men to commit the deed. After the murder Register disappeared and had not been heard of up to the time of his arrest yesterday.

Hatteras Wireless Station

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—Professor C. I. Barbour, the wireless telegraphy expert, who has been working upon the government's wireless station at Hatteras, N. C., announces that the Hatteras station is about complete and that everything will be in working order for transmitting messages in about three weeks.

Mr. Kluttz Out Again

Salisbury, N. C., June 18.—Special.—After being confined to his room for about two weeks from injuries sustained in a runaway, Hon. Theo. F. Kluttz is able to be out again.

Grover Cleveland the Private Citizen

He Neither Desires Nor Expects the Nomination Next Year—His Only Wish to Live in Honorable Retirement

Princeton, N. J., June 18.—George M. Bailey, the Washington correspondent of the Galveston-Dallas News, sends the following dispatch to his paper tonight:

"The man who knows more about the desires and ambitions of Grover Cleveland than anybody else in this world utterly repudiates the suggestion that the sage of Princeton is trimming his sails for another experience in the presidency.

"Mr. Cleveland does not like to discuss politics. He was always wary about interviews, and is yet. When the negro problem was mentioned, however, he was greatly interested. He said that he had received numbers of letters from the south, and that in every instance his speech at Carnegie Hall several weeks ago had been highly commended.

"It is perfectly absurd," he said to the News correspondent, "to suppose for an instant that I have any desire to re-enter public life, nor have I remotely entertained the thought since I left Washington over six years ago. The matter is as far from my thoughts as it was in 1896, when all must admit it was not within my hearing or sight.

"I have no higher aspiration than to pass my days in peace with my family around me, and to take no part in politics which any private citizen cannot take with utmost propriety."

"Mr. Cleveland has not failed to notice what Colonel Waterson and Mr. Bryan have declared to be a movement inspired by him and constantly receiving his industrious attention and encouragement, to capture the present Democratic organization, reverse the recently declared policies of the party and become for a fourth time the standard-bearer of the Democratic party.

"As for the movement inaugurated by the Brooklyn Eagle, Mr. Cleveland said: 'I have never spoken to anybody on the subject of a fourth candidacy, have never written to a single political friend one way or another, nor have I been written to or spoken to by them. There is not a political leader of any prominence endeavoring to advance any movement to nominate me in any state, so far as I have been advised, nor do I anticipate that any such effort will be made by any leader, prominent or obscure, in any locality in the country.

"The question has been frequently asked: 'Why does not Mr. Cleveland announce that he does not want the nomination?' Mr. Cleveland has on many occasions declared that he does not desire to re-enter public life, but thinks it is not incumbent on him to decline a political honor which has not been offered him, and which he does not anticipate will be offered him.

"Some of those who have been disturbed at the apparent aggressiveness of the Cleveland movement have declared that if Mr. Cleveland is sincere he ought to come out flat-footed and announce that he will not accept the nomination if it is offered him. This too is an absurd position. If there is no vestige of a movement on the part of anybody in any state to elect Cleveland delegates, and if it is improbable that any Cleveland delegates will be sent to the national convention, then

Mr. Cleveland objects to occupying the ridiculous attitude of announcing to the Democratic party throughout the country that he will not under any circumstances accept something which is not going to be offered him.

"Mr. Cleveland understands that those who are persistent in questioning his motives would not be satisfied with anything he might say, and those who are constantly calling upon him for declarations regarding the next campaign cannot comprehend the sense of propriety which impels him to maintain the silence which comports with his retirement. If Mr. Cleveland is annoyed by anything it is by the fact that his privacy and repose are disturbed by the constant noise which some of the hysterical brethren persist in. He feels that his very freedom of movement is restricted on this account. When I suggested the splendid tarpon fishing on the Texas coast, he quickly observed that he was deprived of the pleasure of such sport because if he should start to Texas on any such mission, it would be heralded abroad that he was out for delegates and not for tarpon. He said that possibly after the national convention next year he could move around without arousing the suspicion of some of the more excitable members of the party.

"After the negro-problem speech Mr. Cleveland was glad to observe that much of the harsh feeling in the south toward him because of political differences had melted away. He has always accounted himself a true friend of the south, and of late years realized with sorrow the misconception growing out of the political asperity aroused by the party quarrels of 1894-1896 which had alienated the friendly regard of those to whom he was ever ready to render any service within his power, compatible with what was proper in the premises.

"It is not strange that many of these messages which have come to him from the south have reaffirmed the old-time confidence in his wisdom and statesmanship and sounded in no unmistakable terms the affection and esteem which greeted the mention of his name in the day of his ascendancy. And the fact that some of those who had become estranged were again willing and anxious to see him once more the chief magistrate, because, as they express it, the south could realize that in him it had a sympathizing friend.

"In conclusion it may be repeated with absolute confidence that Mr. Cleveland neither desires nor expects the nomination next year. He is contented and happy here and contemplates only the continuation of his present environment, which brings all but absolute completeness to the remaining years of his life. If he has any yearning of a political nature it is to live to see a restored and virile Democracy once again in power, led by wise and honest statesmanship along paths of safety and honor and himself a private in the ranks."

LUMBERMEN MEET

All Day Session of the North Carolina Pine Association

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—Special.—An all day meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association was held in the Chamberlin hotel, Old Point Comfort, today, with President John L. Roper in the chair. Matters pertaining to the business of the association were discussed, but nothing was given out for publication.

Moving to Oyster Bay

Washington, June 18.—President Roosevelt has begun to move to Oyster Bay. A wagon load of office stationery is now on the way to the president's home, and during the next ten days enough more will be shipped to the little town on the sound to run the summer capital until the president returns to Washington in the fall.

Russia Calls for Justice to Regicides

The Imperial Government Looks to Peter to Punish the Murderers of Alexander—Wishes Success to New Monarch

St. Petersburg, June 18.—An official note was published in the Gazette today, recognizing Prince Peter Karageorgievitch as king of Serbia and welcoming his accession.

In brief, the note declares, it is incumbent upon King Peter to avenge the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, and expresses the conviction that he will know how to severely punish the regicides, whose misdeeds should not be visited on the entire Serbian nation or army.

"The text of the note says: 'A week has not elapsed since the day of the bloody revolution at Belgrade, an intimation of which could not be given to the imperial government in the customary official form because legal authority was lacking in Serbia.

"The imperial government, while hailing the election of the new monarch, scion of a glorious dynasty, and wishing all success in the task he has so well begun, to the supreme head of the Serbian people, which is allied to Russia by the ties of religion, can nevertheless not refrain from expressing the confident hope that King Peter will be able to give evidence of his sense of justice and firmness of will by adopting measures at the outset to investigate the abominable misdeed which has been committed and to mete out rigorous punishment to those traitorous criminals who have stained themselves with the infamy attaching to regicides.

"Of course, the entire Serbian nation or army can not be held responsible for the crime which revolts public conscience, yet it would be dangerous to Serbia's internal peace not to

exact reparation for the revolution carried out with violence by the military. Such neglect would inevitably react in an unfavorable manner on the relations of all the states with Serbia and would create for Serbia serious difficulties."

Belgrade, June 18.—The telegram of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria to King Peter has not been published here because of the emperor's strictures on the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga. Later in the day a leaflet giving the text of Emperor Francis Joseph's telegram to King Peter was circulated, but the strictures were slurred in the translation.

Geneva, June 18.—King Peter of Serbia attended a service at the Russian church here today. A te deum was sung in honor of his election. The new ruler was loudly cheered by the Serbian students who were present.

Belgrade, June 18.—King Peter is not expected here before next Wednesday or Thursday.

DUELS MUST STOP

Lawyer Byrd's Closing Speech a Solemn Warning

Jackson, Ky., June 18.—When court convened today B. E. Golden concluded for the defense and Commonwealth's Attorney Byrd made his argument. Byrd has purchased a home in Winchester, Ky., and is preparing to remove his family to that place as soon as these cases are over.

The defense objected frequently to his statements, and in some instances was sustained and the prosecution reprimanded by the judge.

Byrd asked the jury to be willing, if necessary, to make the same sacrifice that Captain Even had made for justice. Raising his hand aloft and shaking it threateningly toward the two prominent men who sat in court, he said: "I want to give warning to you and all of your followers that your

blood thirsty duels must stop in Breathitt county. I leave this county and its people. God knows they have suffered enough; God knows the day has got to come when the arch-assassins, the men who are the controlling powers behind the Jettis and Whites, will be exposed to the world and either sent to prison or to the noose."

With clenched fists and shaking with emotion, Byrd walked toward the jury and said: "Gentlemen, you are on trial as well as Jett and White, and you must answer to the bar of public opinion as well as to the bar of Breathitt county. You have got to do your duty or be pilloried by public opinion."

The case was given to the jury at 11:30 this morning.

CONSOLIDATION

Seaboard Will Take Over the F. C. and P. Railroad

Baltimore, June 18.—The formal consolidation of the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad with the Seaboard Air Line will take place shortly. The Seaboard owns nearly all of the stock of this company, and has been operating the property ever since the purchase. The earnings of the Florida Central have been included in the regular statements of the Seaboard for some time. It will have the effect, however, of bringing under the consolidated mortgage of the Seaboard Air Line Railway about 800 miles of additional railroad owned by the Florida Central. This is of considerable interest to the holders of Seaboard 4s.

MILL MERGER REVIVED

A Proposition Submitted by New York Capitalists

Charlotte, N. C., June 18.—Special.—An important meeting of those interested in the merging of the cotton yarn manufacturers of this section was held at the court house this morning. The merging of the yarn mills has again been brought into prominence through a scheme devised by Messrs. Percy H. Brundage, Victor I. Cunnock and Henry F. Seving of New York. These gentlemen, it is said, represent an immense amount of wealth and are able to carry out the plan.

To further the scheme these gentlemen issued a call several days ago,